

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF DUNSTABLE
WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – November 13,
2023**



Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Dunstable in the County of Middlesex:

GREETINGS

IN THE NAME OF the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at Swallow Union Elementary School, 522 Main Street in said Dunstable on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 7:00 PM, and thereafter continuing from day to day until completed, with a back-up date of November 14, 2023, at 7:00 PM in the event that inclement weather or other circumstances require a postponement, then and there to act on the following articles:

FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND 2023

ARTICLE 1 - Unpaid Bills of FY22 and FY23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash (Surplus Revenue) a sum of money for the purpose of paying unpaid bills of FY2022 and FY2023, or take any action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 2 – Section 22 - Town Center Zoning Bylaw: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws by making the following additions and amendments, and to authorize the Town Clerk to make non-substantive changes to the numbering of the Zoning Bylaws as necessary, or take any action in relation thereto (insertions are underlined):

Inserting under Section C, Number 7:

8. Conversion of existing buildings for the sale of alcohol products for off premise consumption to be limited to one establishment in the TCD. The sale of nips (spirits sold

in the volume or 2oz. or less), cigarettes, and lottery tickets are prohibited.

Sponsored by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3 – Changing the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Dunstable to the Select Board

Special Act: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation to change the name of the Board of Selectmen to Select Board with references to the Board of Selectmen replaced with “Select Board” in Town Bylaws, as set forth below, and further, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, which amendments shall be within the public purposes of said petition, or take any other action in relation thereto.

AN ACT CHANGING THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN THE TOWN OF DUNSTABLE TO THE SELECT BOARD

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive body of the town of Dunstable, previously known as the board of selectmen, shall be known as the select board and shall have the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general or special law, by-law of the town, or any rule or regulation applicable thereto. The members of the select board, previously known as selectmen, shall be known as select board members.

SECTION 2: Notwithstanding sections 21 and 32 of chapter 40 of the General Laws and section 5 of chapter 40A of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the select board of the town of Dunstable may amend the general and zoning by-laws of the town by majority vote to revise all references to the board of selectmen and its members to select board and select board member, respectively, in accordance with section 1.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4 – Groton Dunstable Regional High School PFAS Mitigation Project: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money in order to pay for the financing, planning, designing, permitting, and constructing of water infrastructure improvements in order to bring potable drinking water to the Groton Dunstable Regional High School and private homes, required due to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in ground water supply sources, and all other costs incidental and related thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen

And furthermore, in the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Dunstable who are qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Dunstable Public Library on Thursday, November 30, 2023, between the hours of 12:00 PM to 8:00 PM, to cast their ballots for the following ballot question:

Question 1:

Shall the Town of Dunstable be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay for the financing, planning, designing, permitting, and constructing of water infrastructure improvements in order to bring potable drinking water to the Groton Dunstable Regional High School and private homes, required due to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination in ground water supply sources, and all other costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes _____

No _____

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall in said Dunstable fourteen days at least before the time of holding such Town Meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this _____ day of _____, two thousand and twenty-three.

DUNSTABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Ron Mikol

Leah D. Basbanes

Kieran Meehan

A true copy.

Attest:

Brynn Durno, Town Clerk

DATE: _____, 2023

I have served this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Post Office and one at the Town Hall _____ days before said meeting.

Date

Constable